UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-vs-

Case No. 2:11-cr-156 (1)

YOUSSOUF OUSMANE ABDOURAHMANE

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me pursuant to Rule 11, F.R.Cr.P. and has entered a plea of guilty to Count one (1) of the Superseding Indictment. After examining the Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, I determine that the defendant is competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the guilty plea is knowingly and voluntary made and that the offenses charged are supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offense.

The plea agreement contains an agreed sentence and it is up to the District Judge to determine if the sentence is appropriate.

Additionally, the Defendant has entered an Alford plea to which the United States objects. I find that the plea is a valid Alford plea, but it is still up to the District Judge to decide whether to accept it. If the District Judge does accept both the agreed sentence and the Alford plea, I RECOMMEND the plea agreement and the plea of guilty should be accepted and the Defendant should be adjudged guilty and sentenced accordingly. Otherwise, the plea agreement should be rejected and the defendant should be allowed to withdraw the guilty plea. The Defendant remains in the custody of the U.S. Marshal pending sentencing.

Date: March 22, 2012

/s/ Terence P. Kemp
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE

Failure to file written objections to this Report and Recommendation within fourteen (14) days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge. 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(B).